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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday August 27, 1723.

From the Evening Post, August 22.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

Brussels, August 23.

THE Marquis de Prie, and his Lady, attended with a very numerous Retinue, set out Yesterday for Ghent, where the Marquis is to lay before the States of the Province of Flanders, the Act of Succession, in order to their approving and registering it, as the States of Brabant have already done; during their last Sitting, the Marquis substituted the Count de Laling, to execute that Commission in his stead, but it was not practible at that Time, because the States being then assembled in the ordinary Way; the Nobles who never come to their Assembly, but when they are convened by extraordinary Summons, were absent: Therefore as the Concurrence of that Body is absolutely necessary, in an Affair of that Moment, it could not then be laid before the States, the principal Members of that Province having desired the Marquis de Prie to be personally present, when that Affair is under their Deliberation; his Excellency has thought proper to grant their Request. The Actions of our India Company are got up to 15 per Cent. advance, few Sellers but abundance of Buyers.

London, August 22. One Saturday last, one Flax, a Cane-chair-maker in Littleturnstile, High-holburn, dashed his Wife's Brains out out with a Pint-pot: Her Body lay conceal'd till Tuesday last in the House where the Fact was committed: The Murderer having made his Escape. There appearing several other Marks of Violence on the Corps of the Deceas'd; the Coroners Inquest have met once, and are to proceed farther in their Enquiry To-morrow.

The Pedestal on which King Charles I. is represented on Horseback at Charing-cross, is inclosed in order to be repaired and beautified, at the Charge of the Government. It will be preserved for the future by a Wall Breast-high, with Iron Rails thereon.

This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 105, 3 8ths. Bank 120, 1 qr. India 129, 3 qrs. African 10, 3 8ths. York-buildings 8, 1 half.

From

From the Evening Post, August 19.

Genoa, August 7. We have received here a very melancholly Account of a tragical Accident, which happened lately a Messina in the following Manner; An Officer having bought of a Shop-keeper of his Acquaintance, a Piece of Cloth very cheap, another Officer went thither also, to buy some at the above Rate; but the Shop-keeper would not let him have it so, and told him that the Occasion of his selling the first Parcel so cheap to the other, was on account of Favours he had received from him: Upon this the Officer struck him on the Head with his Cane, which so enraged the Shop-keeper, That he shot him dead immediately, and fled to the Church for Refuge. As soon as General Wallis heard of it, he sent a Detachment of Soldiers to fetch him out, but the Cannons of the Church opposing them, they fired among them, killed two, wounded two others, who died soon after, carry'd off the Shop-keeper, and hang'd him over-against the said Church. The Bishop has excommunicated all the Persons who had a Hand in these violent Proceedings. The whole City being in an Uproar about it, General Wallis has thought fit to retire to the Castle.

Paris, August 14. The British and Dutch Ministers at this Court have frequent Conferences with those of the Emperor, concerning the Establishment of the East India Company at Ostend; and the Former are preparing Draughts of the Answers given by the Imperial Ministers, in order to transmit them to Hanover and the Hague.

It is publickly said, That the Emperor is firmly resolv'd to support the Grant he has given to that Company; nevertheless its said, that some Expedients are propos'd for accommodating that Affair, in a friendly Manner.

From the Flying Post.

Constantinople, July 12. It seems as if the Grand Seignior had resolv'd to spend the rest of his Days in Peace, for he avoids all Occasions of a Rupture with the Emperor; and the Grand Visier has again assur'd the Imperial Resident, that his Highness intends to give no Disturbance to the Repose of Europe: And to prevent giving the Emperor any Umbrage, Orders are sent to most of the Janizaries who work upon the Fortifications of Nizza, Widdin, and Bibaz, in Croatia, to retire elsewhere as soon as they are done; and most of the Sultanas and Gallies that sail'd with Troops and Ammunition to the Dardanelles, are returned. An Aga is also sent with Orders to the Governours of Algier, Tunis and Tripoli for renewing the Peace with the Dutch, as well as the Subjects of the Emperor and Republick of Venice. The Son of the dethron'd King of Persia continues at Tauris, and the Usurper Meriweys at Ispahan. An Ambassador from the Former having been stopp'd by the Bashaw of Erzerum till farther Orders from the Porte, has sent two Persons hither to complain of it, and to shew the Grand Visier the Copy of his Credentials.

Petersburg, August 2. There is no Appearance when the Gallies, which have been here so long waiting for Ordeas, will sail. An Express arriv'd the 27th Instant from Revel, with Advice, that the Duke of Holstein Gottorp is sail'd with the Frigates, in order, as they say, to go to the Diet at Stockholm, and thank the States of Sweden for granting him the Title of *Royal Highness*.

Florence, August 3. 'Tis said that the English take Umbrage at some secret Preparations of the Spaniards, and for this Reason they are making Gibraltar and Portmahon as strong as possible.

Conningsberg, August 10. Last Night an Order came to the Customs-house from his Prussian Majesty, forbidding the importation of Salt from France, Spain, and other Foreign Countries, on Pain of Death.

Geneva, August 14. A Child has been the Means of discovering a Plot to dispatch a certain Potentate by Poison. We hear that several Clergymen were engaged

gaged in the horrid Conspiracy. Meantime the Parliament of Chamberry, the Capitol of Savoy, have commenced a Prosecution against several Persons accused.

Ratisbon, August 16. The Ministers of Wirtzburg, Bamberg and Spire, have received Orders from their Masters, like to those which the Emperor sent to his to forbear their Visits to the Baron de Vriesbergh, the Hanoverian Minister, because they look upon him as the Author of the famous Project of the Protestants; which amongst other Things takes Notice, that some of the Emperor's Ministers are not so zealous as they should be for redressing the Religious Grievances in the Empire. But the Baron, who has done nothing without Order from the King his Master, is not at all discouraged or intimidated; but on the contrary redoubles his Diligences to support the oppressed Protestants, and to procure them the Redress of their Grievances, as knowing that without it there never can be Harmony or a Good Understanding among the Members of the Empire.

Paris, August 06. The Jesuites, who had a great Loss in the Death of the late Prime Minister, leave no Stone unturn'd to repair it. His Friends extol his Abilities to the Skies, and say that he was a greater Politician than the Cardinals Richieu and Mazarine, tho' his Father was but a Chirurgion of Brievella Guillerde, in Limousin: Mean time all the World ought to know, that it was his singular Merit, as well as his Attachment to the King and the Duke of Orleans, to whom he had been Preceptor, that raised him to the highest Honours of the State. 'Tis reported, that he left the King his Service of gilded Plate, which is finely wrought, and reckoned at least worth 200 000 Crowns.

Hague, August 25. They write from Dasselldorp That the Elector Palatine has ordered Executions to be brought against the Clergy, if they don't, in a Week's Time, pay the first Tierce of the Subsidy granted him by the Pope out of their Revenues; which is not unlike to be the Source of more Religious Grievances, or at least, of Clamours about the Tythe Pig.

The Government of Brussels has examined Mr. Colcbrook's Papers, but can make nothing out of them; so that 'tis supposed he has brought away the most material hither. 'Tis affirmed, That the Reason for their securing his Papers was, because he had discovered to some Potentates, all the Advantages proposed by erecting the new East India Company, as a Revenge for his not being made a Director.

Hague, August 28. We have an Account, by Ships arrived this Week from the East Indies after a very quick Passage, That our Colonies there are in a very flourishing Condition, and that Trade increases there considerably, particularly with the Chinese and Japoneze: So that we are not a little surprized to find, that in the *Italian Gazette* there's the following Article from Vienna, dated the 14th Instant, which can have no other Foundation, than to advance the Subscription of the Ostend Company.

" They write from the East Indies, By the Way of Muscovy, That it is now
" Eight Months since all Commerce was prohibited with the Dutch in the Ja-
" poneze City of Namgazacki, which is a very large fine City, having 800 neat
" strait Streets, all parallel, and each 1200 Foot in Length. We have an Ac-
" count by the same Way, That all the Dutch settled in that Kingdom have re-
" ceived Orders to depart within 6 Months time, at the Request of the Chi-
" nese Emperor, who has amind they should depart his Dominions. But on
" the contrary, all the Ships arriv'd from the Austrian Netherlands with the Im-
" perial Flag, are not only permitted a free Trade, but are received with all
" Marks of Honour and Demonstrations of Joy, both at Japan and China. This
" is a Demonstration, of what Advantages may be expected from the Ostend
" Company, since they have obtained the Liberty of traffiquing in Foreign King-
" doms, with a Preference to other Nations!

N. B. 'Tis worth the Reader's Observation to remark, What a vast Addition the *Italian Gazetter* has made to the Buildings of Namgazacki, compar'd with the Account given, not many Years ago, by Schouten, who being a Dutchman, was, no doubt, as well acquainted with the Dimensions of this City, as the Italian; and he makes it contain but 88 Streets. 'Tis also very odd, That the Japo-

Japoneſe ſhould ſo ſuddenly be reconcil'd to a Commerce with Papiſts; for it was but t'other Day that they were ſo afraid of bringing in of Priests and Jeſuites, that if a Dutchman died Aboard, a Mandarin was ſure to viſit the Corſe before it was brought Aſhore to be interr'd: Nor did the Dutch dare to take any Perſons Aboard for this Country, but ſuch as would prove themſelves Natives of Holland; beſides, whenever a Dutch Ship came into Port, the Japoneſe Waiters opened all their Bales and Cheſts, to ſearch for all Books that contain the Pictures of Saints, Beads and Crucifixes, in order to hide them on ſhore till the Ship was ready to go off: Therefore, let the Reader be the Judge of this ſudden Averſion to Proteſtant Dutchmen, and this ſudden Fondneſs for the Popiſh Subjects of the Auſtrian Netherlands.

We hear, That the Vice-chancellor of the petty Republic of Tripoli, is coming hither, to renew the Peace with the States General.

Letters of the 7th Inſtant from Rome, ſay, that the Pretender has had a long Conference at Villa Negroni, with the Pope's Secretary Cardinal Spinola; and that he often writes Letters to Cardinal Alberoni, which, ſome think, is to mediate the Cardinal's Accommodation with the Pope; but others ſay, 'tis upon ſome Buſineſs of much greater Importance. Mean time, Alberoni's Affairs are ſaid to be in a very good Trim, his Enemies being cooler, and his Friends much warmer than they uſ'd to be: Beſides, 'tis believed, that the Pope is very well diſpos'd to him.

From the Flying Poſt, Auguſt 22.

To the Author of the Flying Poſt.

S I R,

THE Author of the *True-Briton* has the Confidence in his Libel of Friday laſt, to ſay, that *He hopes through the whole Courſe of his Paper, he has paid that Duty to the King as becomes a faithful and loyal Subject: Is it poſſible* for any one of his Admirers, if he has but common Senſe, to read that Paragraph, and keep his Countenance? Is there one of his Libels, of which he has now been ſuffered to publiſh No. xxiii, which is not a baſe and villainous Invective, againſt the Gentlemen to whom his Maſteſty has in great Wiſdom, thought fit to commit the Adminiſtration of Affairs during his Abſence? How many Papers has he wrote to beſpatter the Sacred Characters of our *Biſhops*; and to render the Authority of our *Magiſtrats* vile and contemptible; and yet the Wretch has the Front to boaſt, that in *Loyalty* and *Publick-ſpirit*, he will have no *Superior*, and is ready to dye for his King, whenever his Cauſe requires it!

Speſtatum admiſſi riſum teneatis amici!

He muſt certainly mean Loyalty to Perkin, and a *Spirit* for publick Confuſion, or elſe his Performances are the moſt inconfiſtent that ever were penned; for to celebrate his Maſteſty's Virtues in one Paragraph, and to ridicule his *Actions* in another, is ſuch a bare fac'd Copy of the Author's Countenance, that every one who is not wilfully blinded, muſt ſee that his Pretenſions to Duty and Loyalty are meer Wheedle and Banter. He may boaſt of his Readineſs to die for *his King*. Thanks be to God, we have a Prince upon the Throne that wants none to die for him, a King whom Heaven has eſpouſed by ſuch ſignal Providences, as declare, that all Attempts formed againſt him will for ever be in Vain; Therefor, I envy no Jacobite the Crown of Martyrdom, but am reſolved to *live* for *My King*, while I have any Breath in my Body.

Yours,

West Saxon.

London, Auguſt 22. Letters from Jamaica bring great Hopes of a very plentiful Crop, to make the Iſland Amends for their Loſſes ſuſtained by the late dreadful Hurricane. They add, That the Caſſandra Pyrate Ship, with a great Quantity of Diamonds and Dollars, and India Goods, has ſurrendered to the Spaniards at Porto Bello upon their own Terms.

From

From the Whitehall Evening Post, August 22.

London, August 22. There was a general Review of the Foot Guards on Tuesday last, when those who were absent without leave from their proper Officers were ordered to be set down as Deserters.

Whereas it has been reported in several News-papers, That an infectious and Malignant Fever did reign at Newcastle upon Tyne, and swept away Abundance of People, and that it had reached Shields, and other adjacent Parts; this is to give Notice, that all this is Groundless, Malicious and Injurious to the said Town of Newcastle, Detrimental to Trade and Navigation. A Gentleman coming very lately from that Place, and is going thither again in a few Days Time, desired that the Publick may take Notice of it.

On Tuesday died the Reverend Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Pastor of a Presbyterian Congregation in Silver Street.

We hear there are four Prosecutions ordered against the Managers of the *True Briton*.

On Wednesday last died at Tonth Mims, in the County of Middlesex, Villiers, commonly called the Earl of Buckingham; but his Legitimacy being questioned, his Pretensions to the Peerage were never allowed: He has left issue 3 Daughters.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London August 22.

THE Substance of all the Memorials which the Directors of the Dutch East India Company have presented to the States General, against the Ostend Navigation to the East Indies, being Six in Number, is published this Day; to the end that the World may perceive, at one View, the Grounds of the Opposition which the said Company have formed against that which is design'd to be established in the Austrian Netherlands.

In the 3rd Memorial, which the Directors of the Dutch East India Company presented the 29th of July last, they evidently shew every Thing that can be said, as most true and most convincing, with respect to the Injustice of the Emperor's Patent in general, and to the extravagant Concessions that are granted by several Articles of that Patent; for Support whereof, his Imperial Majesty promises to employ the Power of his Arms, and gives the new Company Leave to make War, Peace, Alliances, Settlements and Conquests (unlimited) in the East and West Indies, all at once. They consider therefore, that this last Step entirely takes from them all Hopes of obtaining the just Satisfaction, who expected from the Justice of the Emperor in this Extremity, seeing the Indifference that has been shewn at Vienna and Brussels, to the Solicitations of the Republic and the Princes its Allies: The Directors beseech their High Mightinesses, to suffer them to make use of the Means which God has put into their Hands, as well by Land as by Sea, to repel these Vilonces by Force, &c.

This Memorial produced the Resolution of withdrawing Mr. Jeffreys from Brussels, and the sending him to Hanover, to demand the Guarantee promised by his Britannic Majesty to the Treaty of Barrier, which confirms the Treaty of Munster.

People are very much surprised that the Emperor should carry himself in so high a Manner, as to cause a Suspicion of a Breach of the Friendship and good Harmony between him and his Two great Allies, England and Holland, whose Services seem in a Manner to be quite forgotten. Mean Time, its wished that some Expedient might be found out for Accommodating this Affair, and thereby prevent a War, which, should it once commence, 'tis very probable may become General.

Since our last S. S. Stock is risen from 101, to 106, exclusive of the Dividend, which Rise is attributed by most People to the Czar's returning home with his Fleet in Peace, and its thought will rise higher, especially if the next Mails from Holland give us agreeable News touching the Affair of the Ostenders.

The Paper called the *Briton* was published yesterday, in which he gives some Answers to the Paragraph publish'd last Friday in the *True-Briton*, particularly the last Part thereof, *viz.* In Loyalty he will have no Superior, but was ready to dye for his King, whenever his Cause required it. The Answer given to this, is as followeth. I humbly request of him and his Readers, not to take it amiss, if I appear as zealous for my King as he does for his.

Perhaps, in the next Publication of this Paper, the Author may take Notice of that Part of the *True-Briton* of Friday last, which lays all Attempts against the King and Government are vain. The Printer and Publisher of the last mention'd Paper, is under Prosecution, and 'tis said will be tryed upon no less than 5 Informations. No great Alterations are made in the Commissions of the Peace, which have lately past the Seals for Middlesex and Westminster, some are added to supply the Room of such as are dead. There was this Day a Cause heard between the City of London and the Town of Newcastle, before the General Council at the Cockpit, relating to some Ballast Keys, &c. which the City apprehended might affect the Duty on Coals. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs attended their Excellencies on this Occasion; and we hear it was given in Favour of the Town. His Grace the Duke of Cleveland lies dangerously ill. 'Tis expected, That in a little Time there will be an Addition of Stock to the Proprietors of the South Sea from the Sale of the late Directors Estates. In the Mean Time, 'tis said there has been considerable Expences in managing that Affair, and that some of the Apprisers Bills amount to 5000 L. each.

ADVERTISEMENT

THERE is a Piece of Silver Plate, 25 Pound Sterling value, set out by several Noblemen and Gentlemen, to be Run for at Peebles on the usual Ground, upon the first Wednesday of October next, being the 2d Day of that Month, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, each of them to carry eight Scots Stone Trois Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part of the Weight: The best in three Heats, each Heat thrice round.

The Horses which are to run for this Plate being three at least, belonging to several Owners, must be at Peebles ten Days before the Race, and to be entered there by the Town Clerk, fortyeight Hours before the Course, and the Inputs to be 6 Guineas amongst them. No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Judges appointed by the Gentlemen Subscribers for the said Plate.

The Distance Post is to be ten Score Yards from the starting Post.

The Rider after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing, a Pound for waste.

Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for rubbing.

If any single Horse, Mare or Gelding wins the first two Heats, and if they are challenged by any of the rest who saved their Distance, they are obliged to run again; and if they save their own Distance they win the Race, if distanced they lose it.

If three single Horses win each of them a Heat, the Horse that wins the last Heat wins the Plate.

If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, they are to run back the same Way and run right, or else they are to be adjudged as distanced.

This Plate being lately advertised to be on the last Wednesday of August; and the Time being too short for Gentlemen and Horses to be ready against that Day it was thought proper to alter the Course to the first Wednesday of October next.

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